



Great Basin  
Coordination Center

## Evening Brief

Date/Time Stamp: **Tuesday, August 18, 2015 - 9:05 PM**

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### Weather Summary

Breezy NW winds will continue today across ID/WY, but will be slightly weaker than winds on Monday. Winds will increase over the eastern half of UT with gusts around 30 mph across southern ID and 30-40 mph over eastern UT with RH 10-15%. Some breezy northwest winds will also occur across eastern NV with gusts 20-25 mph and RH below 10%.

Temperatures will gradually warm through Thursday across ID/WY/northern UT with much hotter temperatures over NV and the southern half of UT. Highs will reach the mid 90s to near 100 degrees over the northern half of NV and over 110 in far southern Nevada. Winds will generally be lighter across the western half of NV, with dry conditions and RH below 10%.

Another area of low pressure will approach the northern Great Basin later on Thursday and drop south across the northern half of the Great Basin on Friday. This will bring cooler weather, however RH will remain low with an increase in winds. Winds will start increasing on Thursday with gusts 25-30 mph across the Great Basin and possibly the strongest winds Thursday over far eastern NV into western UT with gusts 35-40 mph. Winds increase across ID/WY/UT/eastern and northern NV with gusts 30-40 mph on Friday and RH 8-15%, which will impact ongoing fires across ID.

Very isolated thunderstorms may develop on Thursday over western WY/northeast UT, with slightly higher thunderstorm coverage on Friday across UT.

Dry weather returns to all areas Saturday through Monday with lighter winds, RH 10-15% and gradually warming temperatures. Deeper moisture and more widespread thunderstorms return by Tuesday next week to the southern Great Basin and will spread north through the week, however confidence is still low on timing and moisture.

### Preparedness Levels

**Current:**

Great Basin	4
National	5

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### Great Basin Fire Activity:

**New Fires and Acres: 8 fires 52.2 acres**

Minimal initial attack activity throughout the geographic area today. Significant gains were achieved on multiple large fires. Shortages of critical resources continue to hamper suppression efforts.

## Resources:

Shortages of critical resources continue to hamper the likelihood of success of suppression strategies in multiple large fires.

## Great Basin Fire Potential Summary

Fire Danger will be moderating somewhat across the far north through mid-week with a lack of new lightning ignitions. However, the air mass remains dry, with low afternoon RH and continued breezy winds today over parts of southern ID/WY/UT, with **stronger winds and low RH Thursday/Friday**.

Further south across southern Nevada and Utah the fire danger will be gradually increasing as the air mass dries out and fire danger indices increase. Thunderstorms may return to UT on Thursday/Friday, with a more significant increase in lightning in NV/UT by early next week, with moisture spreading north through next week.

## Current Incident Details

### Today's Activity (from WFDSS):

fires occurred overnight	Incident Name	Unique Fire Identifier	Size	Status	Latitude	Longitude	Pt. Of Origin Sage Grouse Habitat
	Moon	2015-NVBMD-020162	0.1	Contained 08/18/15	40.0254	117.1936	No
	Vandenburg	2015-UTSWS-000587	50	Not Contained	37.613	113.2254	No
	Oneida County Assist 2	2015-IDEIS-015014	1	Contained 08/18/15	42.1621	112.6459	No
	Izzenhood Road	2015-NVNNS-010504	0.1	Not Contained	40.8672	116.92	No
	Mazada	2015-UTNWS-000604	0.1	Contained 08/17/15	40.7171	112.6608	No
	Fireworks	2015-UTRID-005198	0.5	Controlled 08/17/15	38.7137	112.5989	No
	CLAY BASIN ROAD	2015-UTVLD-000173	0.1	Not Contained	40.9906	109.3444	Yes - PPH
	LOC West Brigham City	2015-UTBRS-000603	0.1	Not Contained	41.5103	112.0141	No
	MM 151 FA	2015-NVWID-020161	0.1	Not Contained	40.69278	118.06194	No
	COPPER FA	2015-NVBMD-020160	0.1	Not Contained	40.07583	116.66917	Yes - PGH



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## Large/Emerging Fire Summary:

Great Basin Priority Summary Based on the Most Recent 209's																						
Date 8/18/2015 20:44																						
Priority	State	Unit	Incident	Suppression Strategy	Descriptive Location	Size	24 hr Change	%	Expected Contain	Complexity # IC	Crew Assigned			Helicopters Assigned			Critical Needs				Threats	Matrix Value
								Contained	Date		T-1	T-2	T-3	T-1	T-2	T-3	T-1	T-2	T-3	T-1		
1	ID	PAF	Tepee Springs	60% Confine 40% Full	20 miles south of Riggins, ID	5,971	+891	0%	NR	Type 2 Demasters	5	4	0	1	1	2 IHC, 4 T2IA, 20 T3IA Engines, 2 T6 Engines, Misc. OH	Elk Creek Community 250 Residences					
2	ID	BOF	Cougar	Full	12 miles NE of Cascade, ID	591	NC	27%	NR	Type 2 Rosenthal	4	1		1	1	1 T1 Heli and 1 T2 Heli	Timber, structures w/in 2.5 miles, Road					
3	ID	SCF	Bobcat	Full	15 miles N of Salmon, ID	315	-185	0%	NR	Type 3 Gerhardson		1		1		3 T1 IHC's, T1 Heli, AA w/ATGS, 2 SEATs, T2 Heli Structure Protection Specialist	383 Residences, 31 MixCom/17					
4	ID	SIS	Rapid	20% Confine 80% Full	12 miles SW of McCall, ID	1,402	+390	2%	9/2	Type 2 Dunford	1					2 T1 IHC's, 4 T2IA's, 2 T1 Heli.	Road and Trail Closures, Grazing allotments					
4	ID	SIS	West Scraper	Full	10 miles NW of Crouch, ID	607	NC	80%	8/19	Type 2 Dunford	2	7	1	1	1		Comm. Tower, timber sale, community of Crouch					
5	NV	CCD	Cold Springs	Full	50 miles east of Fallon, NV	4,012	NC	15%	8/22	Type 3 Hecht	2	8		1	2	1 IHC	SGH, road and area closures, 1 Outbuilding					
6	ID	PAF	Campbells	Point	10 miles SE of Dixie, ID	2,200	+825	1%	10/10	Type 3 Sawyer						IR flight/IRIN	Pvt. Holdings, Area Closure					
7	UT	SLD	Berry	Full	10 miles W of Rush Valley, UT	265	NC	60%	8/20	Type 4 Scroggins		1					SGH, 3 minor structures, town of Rush Valley					
8	UT	SLD	Pole Canyon	Full	6 miles NW of Callao, UT	140	NC	25%	8/19	Type 4 Hunter		1			1		SGH					
9	ID	BOB	Soda	Full	40 miles SW of Boise, ID	283,686	NC	95%	8/25	Type 1 Pechota	4	8		1	2		CSGH, Ranch, Residences, trail and area closures					
10	NV	HTF	Eagle 2	Full	7 miles NW of Bridgeport, CA	120	-40	80%	8/21	Type 4 Elliott		2			1		SGH, Lahontan Cutthroat, Area Closure					
***Notes of Significance***																						

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For more detail, see [Great Basin 7-Day Fire Potential Outlook](#)

For additional information go to: [Great Basin Coordination Center Web Site](#)